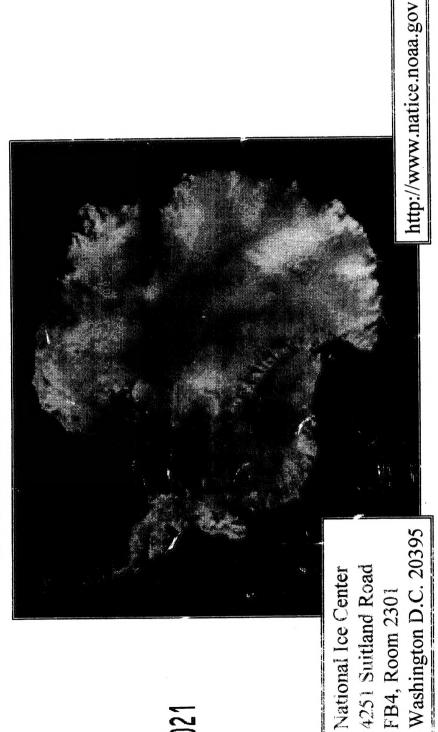


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PREFACE

The National Ice Center (NIC), under sponsorship of the United States Navy, the United States Coast Guard, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), provides sea ice analyses encompassing the "Arctic" and the "Antarctic". These analyses continue the data set established under our previous name, the Joint Ice Center. These atlases continue the near real-time integration of remotely sensed data and point observations and differ only in that the Arctic and Antarctic are split into two senarate publications are hemisphere per vear.

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This publication is the 12th edition of the annual "Antarctic Sea Ice Atlas" published in hard copy format by the NIC. The atlas contains weekly charts depicting the sea ice extent and coverage in the Southern Hemisphere from the first week of January through October 1997. During the last week of October 1997, the Antarctic paper charts were replaced by digital charts in a Graphics Interface Format (*.GIF). Printouts of the digital GIF charts for all Antarctic regions are contained in Supplement I to the "Antarctic Sea Ice Atlas". Future annual atlases will be available in a digital format on CD-ROM through the National Snow and Ice Data Center (http://www-nsidc.colorado.edu). NSIDC is the official archive center for the NIC.

The NIC uses a wide variety of data sources in the production of sea ice analyses. Table 1 lists the data sources used to produce the Antarctic weekly ice analyses contained in this publication. The line types used in the analyses provide metadata information with regard to sensor type. Solid lines depict boundaries derived from: point observations, Defense Meteorological Satellite Program Operational Line Scan (DMSP OLS) and NOAA Advanced Very Higher Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR) data. Dash-dash-dotted line depicts boundaries derived from DMSP Special Sensor Microwave Imager (SSMII), and dashed lines depict boundaries derived from forecast models and climatology.

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Atlas addendum: This publication is intended to serve as an interim solution, while transitioning to distribution via CD-ROM. The purpose of this atlas is to make all National Ice Center (NIC) sea ice charts available to customers using NIC designated archive centers. By fall 1999, it is anticipated that NIC will complete and distribute Arctic/Antarctic ice atlases on CD-ROM for 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998. It should be noted that the charts presented in this atlas have been drawn by hand for operational use. Corrections to "hand annotations" are visible on some of the charts in the atlas.

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Note: DMSP F-14 launched 04/15/97

Abbreviations and Acronyms:

AVHRR- Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer cm- centimeter GHz- GigaHertz GHz- GigaHertz HRPT- High Resolution Picture transmission RR- Infrared km- kilometer LAC- Local Area Coverage NIR- Near Infrared OLS- Operational Linescan System SSMMI- Special Sensor Microwave Imager cm- micrometer

Antarctica satellite composite courtesy of United States Geological Survey, Flagstaff, AZ.

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(http://TerraWeb.wr.usgs.gov/TRS/projects/Antarctica/color/images).

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